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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application: Sakaguchi

Serial No.: 09/439,130

Filed: November 12, 1999

For: Method and System for  
Collaborating Among Interconnected  
Client Terminals§  
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Group Art Unit: 2157

Examiner: Burgess, Barbara N.

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

No fees are believed to be required. If, however, any fees are required, I authorize the Commissioner to charge these fees which may be required to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 09-0461. No extension of time is believed to be necessary. If, however, an extension of time is required, the extension is requested, and I authorize the Commissioner to charge any fees for this extension to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 09-0461.

In response to the Office Action dated December 22, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Listing of the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.